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Mr. Chris Stanley
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Subj: FOIA Request DON-NAVY-2023-011506

Dear Mr. Stanley:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) on June 1, 2023 and given the tracking number DON-NAVY-2023-011506. You requested:

Awardee: University of Missouri System
Award ID number: N000142112710

1. All requests for proposal, solicitations, or similar announcements issued that were related to this award.
2. The final contract or equivalent document for this award.
3. Records of the scoring guidance, scoring system and procedure, and other documents that documented how the awardee was chosen.
4. Any records that show whether this contract was considered competitively or if it was a sole-source award
5. All materials provided to the agency under the contract.

Your request is granted in full. We have located 210 pages that are responsive to your request. Some pages have been redacted under Exemption 6 of the FOIA, codified at 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) and Exemption 4 of the FOIA, codified at 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4). I have considered the foreseeable harm standard in making this decision. Since you agreed to receive clearly releasable information, we do not consider this a partial denial.

FOIA Exemption 6 allows for withholding personal information, the release of which would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Under this exemption, we are withholding certain handwritten signatures. FOIA Exemption 4 allows for the withholding of trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Under this exemption, we are withholding some financial and proprietary information.

You have the right to an appeal. Your appeal must be received via email or post-marked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. You can email your appeal to DONOGCAPPEALS@us.navy.mil. Please provide the appellate authority (see below) the following in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- a letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- a copy of your initial request;
- a copy of the letter of denial.

Please mail your appeal to:

Department of the Navy,
Office of the General Counsel,
1000 Navy Pentagon,
Room 5A532
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Please also provide a copy of your appeal letter to ONR at:

Office of Naval Research
ATTN: FOIA Officer Room 617
875 North Randolph St.
Arlington, VA 22203

I, the undersigned, have been delegated Initial Denial Authority for the purpose of this letter. If you have questions, please contact the ONR FOIA Officer at (703) 588-2968 or Shanee.m.hardy.civ@us.navy.mil. Please reference DON-NAVY-2023-011506 in any correspondence discussing this case. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, or (703)697-0031.

In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

Dexter C. Alexander

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